of the construction and improvements up to the beginning of 1101 is Rs. 828—3—0. The average maintenance charge per year is Rs. 8—5—4.

(b) The sub-joined statement shows the rent fetched each year:—

Year.	Rs.	As.
1090	153	0
1091	18	0
1092	70	0
1093	80	0
1094	48	0
1095	25	0
1096	31	0
1097	15	0
1098	31	0
1099	16	0
1100	17	8
1101	8	12

(c) There is a fall in the income which is due to the opening of private cart-stands by private individuals. The question of licensing or closing them is under consideration.

Licensed Markets in Kunnamkulam.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

112. (a) How many licensed markets are there in Kunnamkulam? What is the license fee realised from each per year for the last 5 years? What are the articles they deal in, and on what days of the week are they open?

(b) Is it a fact that unhealthy and famished cattle, and sometimes even dead animals, are butchered in the market slaughter-house and outside areas in the town, and such meat offered for public consumption in the market or sold by itinerant meat vendors in the town in dirty baskets? If so, is it not highly essential from the point of view of good health to exercise effective Government control over such irresponsible practice?

(c) Does any competent Sanitary or Medical Officer exercise any effective control in such matter now, and what is the arrangement in vogue at present?

(d) Are unsalted fish, more or less advanced in putrification, and salted fish badly cured, both producing unpleasant smell, allowed to be sold often in the market at cheap rates, and whether, in the interests of the health of the town, the sale of such unwholesome stuff could not be prevented by the Government?

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(e) Is the practice of examining and stamping animals before slaughter which obtains in all civilised towns followed in Kunnamkulam? If so, by whom, how, and where is it done? If not, will the Government be pleased to extend this civilised Municipal consideration to this town?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) There are three licensed markets in Kunnamkulam, besides two beef-stalls licensed at Rs. 5 each. The license fee for one of the markets is Rs. 100 per year, and that for the remaining two is Rs. 25 each per year. They deal chiefly in fish and meat. Vegetables are also sold sometimes. Two of the markets are open on all days except Sundays, and the third is open only on Sundays.

(b) No unhealthy and famished cattle or dead animals are butchered in the market slaughter-house or offered for public consumption in the markets. No case of any such animal being butchered in outside areas has ever come to notice.

(c) The Sanitary Inspector, Northern Division, inspects the markets at least twice a month and examines the condition of the meat sold in the markets.

(d) Neither unsalted and putrified fish nor salted fish badly cured is sold in the markets.

(e) The practice of examining and stamping animals before slaughter is not followed in Kunnamkulam. It can be done when some form of Municipal administration is introduced there, and this is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Can this not be entrusted to the Health Officer, instead of the Sanitary Inspector of the Northern Division?

PRESIDENT.

The question is why he could not be entrusted with this supervision work?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Is it a new question or a supplementary question? Anyhow, it cannot be considered now.

PRESIDENT.

In all these things some difficulty is felt in getting an answer. Proper answers are furnished to the questions, and when a supplementary question comes, for which the Government have got no sufficient materials, Government will have to ask for notice.

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